

For this a raised platform should be provided near the president's seat for an operating chair. With a free use of the blackboard, and the patient in the chair, the operator would have no difficulty in making clear to all what he intended to do. Being no longer students, such an explanation or illustration is often all that is needed to make all those present able to go home and perform the operation. By this method the operator would have the attention of the entire association and be stimulated to do his best, and each one of the audience have an equal chance of seeing his work.

Dr. Beadles thought our best men would then be more willing to accept invitations to give clinics. Many of our members attended the meetings for this alone, and we know how unsatisfactory clinics are under the present method, both to the operator and to the observer, and it seems to me the plan is worthy of a trial.

Of course, if this plan should be adopted it would at once be manifest that more time should be allotted to the meetings, and this is a matter upon which some of us have spent considerable thought.

We really have not one *whole* day for effective work, the first evening and the second morning being almost entirely devoted to the routine business of the convention, and our custom has devoted the other evening to social enjoyment in our annual banquet. I know many of us feel that we cannot be away from our offices much longer, but do you think we, or our practice would lose anything thereby? Are we not most of us narrowing our lives down to the limits of our own office too much? Is it not true that few of us take the vacation we ought to for our own good; that we, in common with business men, and men of other professions, are leaving most of our social duties to the women of our households, thus forcing upon them, in addition to the thousand and one petty cares which naturally fall to the home-makers of our land, some burdens which justly belong to us. Too much of the social and reformatory work of the day is left to them, which they are bravely struggling with in their various societies, until they have been aptly styled the "Unquiet Sex," by a recent writer in a popular magazine, and we and the M.D.'s are kept busy trying to patch up the resultant quantity of worn out nerves; and, according to the same writer quoted above, the future of our race is seriously menaced. At the present rate of burning the candle of life at both ends, a beautiful and serene old age, such as we have witnessed in one to whom I would like to offer in closing this slight tribute of memory, will be unknown to the next generation. I refer to Mrs. Dr. Lewis, of Burlington, whose gentle presence among the ladies we miss tonight, for since our last meeting she has been called home. I think Mrs. Lewis had attended most of our meetings since the pleasant custom of having the ladies with us was established, even braving the fatigue of the trip to Montrea<sup>l</sup>, and I am sure her